17. Smt. Malvika Singh

18. Shri H.S. Hanspal

Memory sign for site of battle of plassey

1519. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two hundred and fifty years later, the site of the Battle of Plassey waits for a sign of memory as **there** is nothing else but a plaque set up by the British Government to mark the event;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tourists who come there look for basic facilities such as eateries, toilets, etc. but return disappointed; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to develop the site?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/ Infrastructure Development of Circuits/Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and sanctioned on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

Destination Plassey was prioritized for the year 2006-07. However, the project proposal received from the State Government **of** West Bengal was not as per the guidelines hence, was not sanctioned.

However, an amount of Rs. 2639.45 lakh has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for tourism related projects for the State of West Bengal.

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1520. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state: